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Helping Others Overcome Sin

BARBARA-JEAN STINSON

To be able to free ourselves and others of pain, fear, and disease through our understanding of Christian Science is reason for the greatest rejoicing. However, if we are to advance, there must come a time when we accept the responsibility for demonstrating the deeper purpose of this Science—the healing of sin.

Mary Baker Eddy, the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science, reminds us: "The mission of Christian Science now, as in the time of its earlier demonstration, is not primarily one of physical healing. Now, as then, signs and wonders are wrought in the metaphysical healing of physical disease; but these signs are only to demonstrate its divine origin,—to attest the reality of the higher mission of the Christ-power to take away the sins of the world."¹

What is "the Christ-power" that destroys sin? In Hebrews we read of Christ Jesus, "Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the

oil of gladness above thy fellows.”² The Christ-power was inseparable from Jesus’ love of everything good and right and his thorough hatred of all that is evil and debased. To heal sin we must do more than just love good, we must hate evil—hate it in Jesus’ way by utterly rejecting it, reducing it to nothing. The Christ, which Jesus so gloriously manifested, has no tolerance for evil. Its blazing white light of purity and goodness invariably exposes evil for what it is and then eliminates it from thought and experience.

Quite unwisely I attended a play without first carefully reading the reviews. It turned out to be a comedy about homosexuality. Because others were with me, it didn’t seem possible to leave. But I condemned myself for being so unalert.

About halfway through the play I stopped condemning myself and began to apply corrective truths of Christian Science to the claim of homosexuality, which was suggested through the play to be natural and normal. The value of this vigorous clarification of thought was proved soon after, when I had an opportunity to help correct a homosexual situation. In thinking about this experience, I realized that when we acknowledge the power of the Christ, we are able to help ourselves and others who are seeking freedom from sin.

To most effectively help others overcome sin, one must himself be free of it—free from tolerating sin, laughing at it, thinking it is all right for others. Regardless of the form wrongdoing assumes—homosexuality, adultery, drunkenness—it must be overcome. To tolerate forms of evil as natural and normal for some people is to give them legitimacy in our thought. But if we accept them as legitimate, how can we demonstrate their nothingness?

During one of her classes on Christian Science, Mrs. Eddy spent some time emphasizing the power of divine Love to heal everything. Then a student asked, “Are we not to discriminate between good and evil?” She answered, as one of the class remembers: “Ah, now you have asked me what is to me the hardest thing in Christian Science! Yes, you must see and denounce evil. The Bible tells us that Jesus was God’s chosen because he loved righteousness, but the Bible does not stop there. It says, ‘and hated iniquity’! So often have I longed to see and know only Love—only the good—but I have not dared. I *must* uncover and rebuke and *hate* iniquity.”³

How do we hate evil without hating the individual caught in the trap of sin? We can realize that sin is actually the outcome of one's false beliefs about life. Understanding the love that God continually gives us as His expression enables us to turn from it. This is the reason we must resist and negate sin—because it is such an affront to our Father's dear love for His child. When we truly love another, we can look behind the mask of grossness or ugliness without repulsion or condemnation and help him break the chains of sin.

However, this does not mean that we should allow a misguided religious zeal to have us impose Christian Science treatment where there is no obvious desire for healing, or where we are not invited to treat. We do not walk around looking for sinners to heal. But when we are confronted in our daily activities with an unrepentant sinner, we can claim the perfection of God's man and then let the Christ act on the situation in the way of God's directing.

When we sin we often feel miserable. We would do anything to be free if we knew how. Our acknowledgment that we are not really happy is the attitude that opens our thought to the possibilities of healing.

To help free another of sin we need both a desire to bring him the truth that will free him and a pure, scientific knowledge that in God's sight he already is free. It is important to help him see that the immorality he is supporting *is* sin—a specific violation of divine law. The divine law is the law of Love. Any action or attitude that hurts others, or corrupts society in general, violates Love's law.

We might try to justify immoral behavior by thinking we can't help it, that certain physical factors have made us the way we are. One might argue, "It's in my blood." However, no genetic or bodily conditions can hold an individual compulsively to sin. Matter, being nonintelligent, has no sensation, action, or power. It cannot create or perpetuate any kind of irresistible force. All force and volition come from God, Spirit. Man, God's reflection, is composed of spiritual elements only. These elements eternally act in obedience to divine impulsion. This truth understood and cherished breaks the seeming law of helpless submission to erroneous material beliefs.

In overcoming sin of any type we need to understand that man,

God's child, was never born into sin, nor does he have the seeds of sin within him. The Bible says, "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God."⁴ Man was and is never less than the reflection of the purity and holiness of God, Spirit. The man of God's creating is not a physical being at the mercy of genetic conditioning, chemical reaction, haunting mental images he can't control or overcome. He is a spiritual idea, reflecting the qualities of God, created to glorify and express God's wholeness and completeness. Seeing the actual nothingness and unreality of sin is our means of separating it from man—that is, perceiving it as no part of him—and destroying it.

To be free of sin one needs to gain a new conception of himself as the spiritual idea of God. When we understand the divine viewpoint that Christian Science presents, we have a solid basis on which to rely. We can turn to it to resist the mortal thinking that would tell us we either need to sin or want to sin.

But we do need to resist. No suggestion of evil, however seductively packaged, can overwhelm the *honest* desire to love God above all else. A person who is asked to help another can gently but firmly insist that he make a sincere effort to demonstrate his God-given ability to cut evil out of his life. This mental effort becomes easier as the individual learns that God is the true Mind of man and only thoughts of goodness are actually real. Sometimes debased thinking seems almost overwhelming, leading an individual to commit unintended acts. But he can learn to differentiate between the unreal, devilish impulses coming from a suppositional mind in matter, and the powerful ideas of good proceeding from God, his only real Mind. When he sees the difference, rejects evil thoughts as unreal and untrue, steadfastly accepts God's thoughts as his own, he is well on his way to complete dominion.

Helping another to overcome sin is a matter of staying with our prayers for the individual with love, patience, and expectancy of complete healing, until Truth dissolves any remaining traces of false belief. In *Science and Health* Mrs. Eddy writes: "The power of Christian Science and divine Love is omnipotent. It is indeed adequate to unclasp the hold and to destroy disease, sin, and

death.”⁵ So let us apply the power of Truth to our brother’s need with the gentle hand of love and see him go forward—purified, regenerated, free!

¹ *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*, p. 150; ² Heb. 1:9; ³ *We Knew Mary Baker Eddy*, Second Series (Boston: The Christian Science Publishing Society, 1950), p. 50; ⁴ 1 John 3:9; ⁵ *Science and Health*, p. 412.

Refuting sense testimony

Your Supply Is Here

ROBERT A. MOSS

Some years ago, when I was accepted for class instruction by an authorized teacher of Christian Science, I was desperately hard up. I hoped that by the time I was due to go to class I would have enough money for the fortnight I had to stay in London.

It didn’t turn out that way. A day or so before the class began, I telegraphed the teacher to say that I couldn’t come, as I hadn’t enough supply. The reply came back by wire: “Your supply awaits you here.”

I went. Somehow I scraped together enough money for the fortnight’s stay. Thrilled at the prospect of having class instruction, I walked the streets of London in search of a modest hotel to which my thin budget might be equal. I was confident that God would take care of me throughout the great step of spiritual progress that had opened up for me, but I didn’t know how.

Suddenly my attention was arrested by a shopwindow on the opposite side of the street. There were a number of notices displayed in it. I crossed the street and looked in the window, and in an instant I knew that my immediate problem was solved. The first notice I saw read: Bedsittingroom to let for long or short period.

A bedsittingroom, in which I could look after myself and get my own meals! Such an economical means of staying in London had never occurred to me. The price named on the notice was far below what I would have to pay at even the most modest hotel. I took the bedsittingroom and lived happily there for the period of the class, and even had a friendly domestic cat for company!

No more money than I came with was in my pocket. The supply that solved my problem of lack was the right idea of God's care. So it always is. Mrs. Eddy writes: "God gives you His spiritual ideas, and in turn, they give you daily supplies. Never ask for to-morrow: it is enough that divine Love is an ever-present help; and if you wait, never doubting, you will have all you need every moment."¹

The world is mesmerized by materialism. Mankind measures the supply of good in material terms. No wonder national and personal economies fluctuate in alarming ways! "To calculate one's life-prospects from a material basis," writes Mrs. Eddy in *Science and Health*, "would infringe upon spiritual law and misguide human hope."²

Let's not measure our supply of good by the amount of our bank balance or the size of our income or the state of the nation. Either or all are subject to endless fluctuations if based on matter. True supply is spiritual, and it never ceases, never deflates, and is always available to meet every human need.

How poorly endowed with this world's goods was Christ Jesus, yet how rich in spiritual understanding! His clear vision of God's love and ceaseless provision for His creation enabled the great and compassionate Teacher to obtain tax money from a fish's mouth³ and to feed five thousand people with a few loaves and fishes.⁴

How very much akin to present-day thinking was the reaction of his disciples to the Master's statement that the vast concourse of people should not be sent home but should be fed. "But this is a desert place," they said in effect, "and all we have is five loaves and two fishes." With their still limited, material sense of things, all they could see was a vast number of people and a ridiculously inadequate amount of food. The Master refuted sense

testimony and in feeding the multitude not only proved the ever-presence of God but also demonstrated overflowing abundance with twelve baskets of food left over.

Throughout the Bible—in the Old Testament as well as the New—are striking examples of the demonstration of supply where hopeless lack seemed to be. Moses struck the rock in Horeb and water gushed out.⁵ Elisha multiplied the widow's supply of oil to a salable amount which paid her debts and saved her sons from becoming bondmen to her creditor.⁶ "Have faith in God"⁷ was Jesus' simple rule.

Should we not follow the example of the prophets and the Master and the teachings of Christian Science and do our part to break the mesmerism that condemns the world to ceaseless fluctuations of all kinds of needful good? Christian Science shows the way of effective prayer, for Science reveals the spiritual nature of all things and the falsity and nothingness of materiality.

Only as we translate our concept of the material world back into its original spiritual essence can reality, the harmony of God's perfect universe, come to light and be experienced on the human plane. This is not done in a day or wholesale, but it is done step by step in personal experience as we apply the unalterable truth of Love's divine provision of spiritual ideas to our daily needs.

Lotteries, games of chance, gambling in various forms, are nowadays sanctioned and even promoted by governments and local authorities in a misguided attempt to increase income. Such means can never bring stability to public or personal finances, for they further obscure the discernment of the true source of continuous and unvarying supply that finds expression in inventiveness, enterprise, honesty, integrity, and service for others.

Human aspiration can be educated through the teachings of Christian Science to change the material concept of supply into the clear consciousness of ever-available good. Error may argue that one cannot afford to take up or renew a subscription to the Christian Science periodicals, for example. What an ignorant reversal of the truth this is! In the articles, editorials, and testimonies in the periodicals is real wealth—a wealth of spiritual truths and inspiration—genuine supply!

Man is God's reflection, and consequently expresses all Godlike qualities. He can never be in lack. This is demonstrable truth, and it is the basis of secure and constant supply.

Your supply is here!

¹ *Miscellaneous Writings*, p. 307; ² *Science and Health*, p. 319; ³ See Matt. 17:24-27; ⁴ See Luke 9:12-17; ⁵ See Ex. 17:4-7; ⁶ See II Kings 4:1-7; ⁷ Mark 11:22.

Be Brave—and Don't Panic!

FRANKIE L. THOMAS

In Isaiah we read, "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness."¹

What a challenge not to be afraid, however terrifying or acute the difficulty facing us, but to have genuine trust in God's mercy and in His love for man, to be brave and courageous! Just what do we mean by being brave? For one who adheres to the teachings of Christian Science couldn't we say it is to have the courage of his spiritual conviction that God is the perfect cause and man His perfect effect, and to actively refuse to accept the evidence of the physical senses, however frightening?

Valiancy based on an understanding of God's omnipotence is not human bravado. It expresses love and humility rather than pride or boastfulness, wisdom instead of recklessness. True bravery is the expression of moral, not animal, courage. It involves willingness to do God's will rather than one's own.

Enslaving and seemingly ingrained sins, crippling and painful diseases, dire poverty and death, held no terror for our beloved

Master, Christ Jesus. He was not taken in by outward material appearances because he knew that all that God creates is very good. Discordant material conditions and living could not make him accept evil in any form as immovable or real. His understanding of the omnipresence and omnipotence of God enabled him to perform what were thought to be miracles.

Mrs. Eddy writes, "He is bravely brave who dares at this date refute the evidence of material sense with the facts of Science, and will arrive at the true status of man because of it."² In her own experience Mrs. Eddy proved time and time again that through trials bravely met and mastered by refuting "the evidence of material sense with the facts of Science" we gain dominion over afflictive circumstances and derive lasting fulfillment and enduring joy.

I gratefully recall being healed in Christian Science of a painful condition that struck without warning. I was alone, and the symptoms were frightening. Quickly the thought came to me, "Don't panic—be brave—and don't stop knowing the truth." Like a lawyer pleading his case, I vehemently denied the belief that man is a brain-controlled physical being, subject to attacks of disease and pain. Gratefully I acknowledged that God, divine Mind, includes every quality of real existence, including uninterrupted health, and that man, reflecting divine Mind, expresses strength, health, and freedom. I thought of God as Mind, Life, Truth, Love, Principle, Spirit, Soul, the seven synonymous terms for God taught in Christian Science. And from the standpoint of each of these synonyms I acknowledged my expression of God's nature.

Unable to move from my chair, I glanced out into the back garden, alive with spring flowers, and this encouraging thought came to my receptive consciousness: "Tomorrow you will be walking in that garden." This was fulfilled, for the next day I was enjoying with ease the beauty of the yard. I had proved that holding to and progressing in our understanding of God and our relationship to Him causes us to be brave and persistent and to express God's perfection.

In *Miscellaneous Writings* Mrs. Eddy points out, "Predicting danger does not dignify life, whereas forecasting liberty and joy does; for these are strong promoters of health and happiness."³ There is no substitute for victory. "Forecasting liberty and joy"

results from the spiritual understanding of the totality of good and the utter unreality of every persuasion of evil.

Any distressful situation, regardless of its appearance, can, by reversal, alert us to the truth it would obscure and lift us to a deeper realization of man's oneness with God. To know that one's substance is Spirit and that his identity is the beloved child of God, always the recipient of His blessings, can bring instant release from fear and its effects. Rather than chafe because a problem is confronting us, we can turn it into a blessing, a stepping-stone, by seeing it as an opportunity to prove that the law of God, the law of good, is in operation and can be demonstrated in all our affairs at the present moment. Divine Love acts to uncover and eliminate anything in human consciousness that would blind us to the awareness of man's perfect life in God.

Life doesn't have to be an ordeal—just one problem after another. Understanding the omnipresence of good enables one to demonstrate that life is actually one good thing after another. This is not just starry-eyed abstractionism. The expectancy of good points the way in which health and happiness lie.

At times we may be tempted to lose temporarily our sense of moral courage and become weary when after healing one distressing situation we find ourselves facing another problem. But we can see the current problem as an opportunity for another victory over the mesmeric suggestion that matter has life, substance, and intelligence. We can face the error bravely and be confident of healing. With every healing in Science we are building on our realization of man's eternal perfection and not merely manipulating a mortal span of existence.

Only evil suggests running away from evil, submitting to it, or panicking when one is faced with its suggestions. God is never afraid, and man, forever at one with God, has no trepidations. When we understand this, fear will have no power to limit or hinder us. Mrs. Eddy assures us, "Evil is not something to fear and flee before, or that becomes more real when it is grappled with."⁴ And the Psalmist declares, "There were they in great fear, where no fear was."⁵

To God there are no hopeless conditions. We can bravely stand and reflect His love. In Ephesians we read, "Now unto him that is

able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory . . .”⁶

The power that works in us is manifested as we reflect His qualities in daily living and refute the evidence of the material senses with the facts of Science. The reward for this obedient following is “above all that we ask or think.” The mark of a practicing Christian is indeed his brave reliance on God. He knows that God is Love and that His will is always to bless and heal.

¹ Isa. 41:10; ² *Miscellaneous Writings*, p. 183; ³ *ibid.*, p. 240; ⁴ *ibid.*, p. 284; ⁵ Ps. 53:5; ⁶ Eph. 3:20, 21.

Protection- Even There

BARBARA JEAN WHITE

We are never outside God’s protection. On the ground, in the air, at sea—“even there,” the Psalmist reminds us, “shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.”¹

We are at one with omnipresent Love, God. We learn in Christian Science that we live in His presence, and His love sustains us there. Mrs. Eddy wrote to her students, “How blessed it is to think of you as ‘beneath the shadow of a great rock in a weary land,’ safe in His strength, building on His foundation, and covered from the devourer by divine protection and affection.”²

Our protection is in our understanding of man’s unity with God. This is no momentary salvation, restricted to a particular location or situation. Divine protection is not limited to an easy chair. Living in accord with divine law, we can prove God’s care for man whatever our activity, wherever that activity may take us. Can omnipresent, animating, divine Principle, God, be less than everywhere?

The belief of chance or change would have us think otherwise. It would argue that man can be placed in jeopardy, subservient to matter. The belief in chance, fortune, fate, is based on the unknown, a suppositional power claiming that man is separated from the government of God, subject to accidents. The fact is, right activity is always under His guidance.

Our protection is in the understanding that we are and always will be the spiritual reflection of Love, Truth, Life. Protective Love is here, where we are, and knows no boundary, no limitation, no presence outside of itself.

Our family had occasion to prove this when on a two-hundred-and-forty-mile trip in our small cabin cruiser we encountered high seas. The waves increased until a seven-foot sea, driven by forty-mile-per-hour winds, broke over the bow. Fuel was low but a compass reading satisfied us that we were on course, though no other boats were in sight. As time went on, the suggestion "What if?" built up in our already anxious thoughts.

In prayer I claimed man's demonstrable oneness with Love, acknowledging Love's instant direction, protection, and supply. The need was to understand our indivisible unity with the divine source of all good, to comprehend that man is inseparable from God, that nothing can come between them. This understanding is our only real security.

Innumerable times I had pondered the passage from Psalms, "The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore."³ It was no less true now. The consciousness of Truth is the Christ ever with us.

Christ Jesus stilled the stormy sea. He was crossing the Sea of Galilee with his disciples and was asleep in the stern of the boat when a sudden storm arose imperiling the little ship. The fear of his disciples and their doubt of God's protection led them to wake him. Jesus stilled the storm with the command "Peace, be still" and asked the disciples, "Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?"⁴ Fear or doubt feeds the turbulence of mortal mind that causes the seas of sense to rage.

Regardless of what material sense is witnessing, ever-present Love is stronger, more powerful, than any aggressive thoughts of danger. There isn't an injurious element in the nature of divine Love. God

is supreme in power, therefore destructive winds and waves lack power or volition. Subordinate to the forces of Mind, the winds and waves of mortality have no propellant to give them intensity. All control is in divine Mind, the only cause. The sea, the wind, the weather, are all under this harmonious control. Creation is obedient to its divine creator.

As we realized these truths, we began joyously singing hymns. The calming of thought preceded a tranquil sea. I noticed I was no longer bracing myself. In a short while land was in view, then a gas station and calm waters.

In reality, we abide in heavenly harmony. We are never in the presence of danger. There is no such presence in the allness of God. All that is real exists eternally in divine Mind and cannot be endangered, disturbed, or destroyed. Is not this our ark of safety? Is it not enlightened understanding, strengthened by obedience, made practical through demonstration?

Obedience to the law of divine Principle keeps us on course, in perfect accord with His harmonious government. To spiritually awakened thought there are no superstitious laws of chance. We can know that chance is not God's law. His law is the law of invariable harmony, infinite good, supreme power. This spiritual law envelops man.

We are always in God's loving care. His all-powerful, protective influence is everywhere. Wherever we are, wherever we go—driving, flying, at sea—we can know we are secure in Love, safe in God's presence. Speaking of the protection that comes to the follower of good, Mrs. Eddy writes, "Thus founded upon the rock of Christ, when storm and tempest beat against this sure foundation, you, safely sheltered in the strong tower of hope, faith, and Love, are God's nestlings; and He will hide you in His feathers till the storm has passed."⁵

¹ Ps. 139:10; ² *Miscellaneous Writings*, p. 263; ³ Ps. 121:8; ⁴ Mark 4:39, 40; ⁵ *Mis.*, p. 152.

The Call and the Answer

THOMAS C. KELLER

An Old Testament prophet assures us of God's nearness and readiness to bless those who rely on Him: "It shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear."¹ When we look beyond the need into our oneness with ever-present, all-inclusive divine intelligence, we find the answer at hand.

The teachings of Christian Science confirm this scriptural promise. In *Science and Health* Mrs. Eddy writes: "The 'divine ear' is not an auditory nerve. It is the all-hearing and all-knowing Mind, to whom each need of man is always known and by whom it will be supplied."²

God, all-knowing Mind, is the divine, loving intelligence always present, revealing the answer to our need in ways we can see and understand. Whether the need is for employment, companionship, health, or any help, divine Mind answers. It shows what we already have by reflection of man's divine creator.

Mrs. Eddy tells us in her *Miscellaneous Writings*: "Man is God's image and likeness; whatever is possible to God, is possible to man as *God's reflection*. Through the transparency of Science we learn this, and receive it: learn that man can fulfil the Scriptures in every instance; that if he open his mouth it shall be filled—not by reason of the schools, or learning, but by the natural ability, that reflection already has bestowed on him, to give utterance to Truth."³

As one reaches out in humble, expectant, receptive thought, acknowledging the solutions to all problems as always present in Mind, ideas begin to flow. These ideas are real and tangible. They take form as useful, translatable thoughts, ready to be put into immediate, practical action in obedience to God's directing.

Must one be an experienced metaphysician to do this? No. God

does it. Our responsibility is to thoughtfully listen to God's directing and respond faithfully, as a reflection does. This isn't as easy as it sounds, for one must silence his own personal opinions before he can hear God's answer. A willingness to drop our preconceived notions and to move as spiritual inspiration directs enables us to let the divine will unfold in our consciousness and control thought and action. Divine intelligence operates as law and leads human reasoning into accord with the infinite purpose. It brings clarity and order to every decision, and we move as Mind moves.

Because the call acknowledges the presence and control of the one Mind, fear and uncertainty of the outcome are removed. There's no place for the unknown in "the all-hearing and all-knowing Mind." Any sense of division or separateness from good is healed as we commune with our divine source. The call loses its urgency in the quiet certainty that the answer is already known and appearing.

Quietness and humility clarify consciousness so that it may recognize the answer. Mind's ideas come more into clear focus in our comprehension. Fresh new views appear as evidence of the expression of the one all-inclusive Mind caring for its own expression.

No delay or resistance occurs in the action of Mind. The continuity and nowness of its ever-present ideas unfold entirely free of any mortal limitations of economic, social, or environmental conditions. The substance of these ideas is spiritual and permanent. It can't waste away, be reversed or lost, because it's God's own nature appearing.

We find that answers we seek are always present and established in our lives when we look beyond the questions into God's wholeness and perfection. Our need is to recognize and accept them. The demand always has its supply. As we discover this and claim it, we have its sure evidence, showing us more clearly the answer which has always been.

One cannot fail in his endeavor to respond to God's plan nor will he misinterpret the answer. We can hear and heed the divine instruction, for God speaks directly to us. *Science and Health* tells us, "The intercommunication is always from God to His idea, man."⁴ Can there be any misunderstanding when we're conscious of our oneness with the Father through spiritualized

thought? No, nor can there be any disappointment, for we have aligned our way with that of Christ Jesus, who said, "I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me."⁵

Many have experienced moments of inspiring intuition that have led to better situations. Each one of us can reach out to God's care and find answers more satisfying than we could have planned ourselves. Such proofs show the ever-present, unfailing operation of divine Mind in our lives. They confirm the fact that the call is always answered.

¹ Isa. 65:24; ² *Science and Health*, p. 7; ³ *Mis.*, p. 183; ⁴ *Science and Health*, p. 284; ⁵ John 5:30.

"...thy children like olive plants"

JEAN T. BOWMAN

The Psalms employ beautiful teaching metaphors. They are meaningful when Christian Science shows the immediacy, relevancy, and healing power of the truth underlying the metaphorical message. Psalm 128 tells of the ideal family, wherein "thy children [are] like olive plants round about thy table."¹

In Bible times a fully productive olive plant resulted from some seventeen or eighteen years of ceaseless cultivation and tending. One could know if the land were at peace or war by its olive orchards; if cared for, they were a sign of peace in the land; if neglected, of war! When the plants grew unintended and wild, they yielded an inedible fruit. It is not unusual, then, for the Psalmist to use "olive plants" to describe children who are obedient to God's commandments as a result of their parents' spiritual training.

For some time a twentieth-century mother despaired for her son. Her prayers and those of Christian Science practitioners seemed to bring no surcease from the rebellion and disobedience he expressed. Poor motivation to be or do good resulted in bad grades in school and inharmony in the home.

One day the mother's thought was attracted to Psalm 128 and its arresting concept of children as “olive plants.” She realized that if she were to see her son, as well as herself, as a spiritual child of God, she needed to meet the demands of persistent, cultivated, spiritual knowing of perfect God, perfect man—the fundamental basis of Christian Science healing. She was grateful for the provable revelation in Science that God, divine Spirit, Love, is the only creator, and His creation, including man, is entirely spiritual and loving; consequently loveless beliefs of rebellion, animality, self-will, are no part of God's child.

During his last two years in high school, the son was sent to a private school. The mother spent time each day praying—cultivating in her thought the spiritual idea of sonship. The “olive plant” metaphor helped her to be constant and consistent, patient and importunate, in her work. As her “olive plant” concept matured, the arid mortal beliefs of heredity and self-deception lessened their hold in her thought.

Moses experienced difficulty in leading the children of Israel out of bondage. God's message to him for Pharaoh “Let my son go, that he may serve me”² held a current relevance for the mother. She saw it as a command to let go of the blood-related, biological beliefs of motherhood—to see man, and therefore the real identity of the son, as totally originating in God, his Father-Mother, and complete in His exclusive care. Mrs. Eddy writes of the spiritual origin of man: “In Science man is the offspring of Spirit. The beautiful, good, and pure constitute his ancestry. His origin is not, like that of mortals, in brute instinct, nor does he pass through material conditions prior to reaching intelligence. Spirit is his primitive and ultimate source of being; God is his Father, and Life is the law of his being.”³ The mother pondered these statements and stayed with them until they became substantive and alive with emergent promise.

Another milestone of progress came from Paul's significant state-

ment, "When it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace, to reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood."⁴ The mother saw that grace is God's loving benediction to each child. In Christ Jesus' healings, grace made truth lucid, and spiritual reality experiential. Grace—Spirit's tender, yet vibrant, renewing power—enables the individual to accept the spiritual facts of true being in contrast to the mortal sense of existence. The mother felt the dynamic impulsion of grace awakening truth within her consciousness, outlining the true concept of man's sonship with God. Self-deceiving pictures of friction, irritation, anger, animosity, lost their influence.

In Revelation 21:7 we read, "He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son." This verse heralded the healing for the mother: human will ceased perpetuating a false concept of individuality. The image of a rebellious son was seen as an upside-down image whose outlining in consciousness would encumber consciousness with mental falsities. Real, that is, spiritual, consciousness is conscious only of the God-derived images transmitted by divine Mind through divine Science. When the false picture was eliminated from consciousness, the true idea of man's sonship with God became active in the mother's consciousness. She saw that Christ Jesus' words and works presented the provable basis of divine sonship for all mankind. As she prayed for the Mind of Christ to be in her, her thought responded to the true idea of sonship, which is the ever-present, incorporeal Christ, the divine image and likeness, forever asserting, perpetuating, and sustaining itself.

The manifestation of this spiritual awakening was a boy redeemed from selfishness. The headmaster at school wrote the mother at the end of her son's first year that the boy had had a complete transformation of thought. He was loving and gentle, and his last year saw high academic achievement. He went on to college and graduate school, where he received highest awards and honors.

The mother's "olive plant" ripened because, through patient, spiritual tending in her thought of the true idea, she was able to realize that God's child already is all right, complete, perfect, upright, free. The material sense of son had been proved illusory and untrue.

God is omnipresent Love, and the inherent instantaneity of Love's power is never withdrawn from any child, nor can any child withdraw from divine Love. The mother's experience with her son was one instance of God's love understood and demonstrated as coinciding with human need and giving evidence of the son's (and family's) native godliness. Love and its idea are eternally related in the divine oneness of cause and effect.

¹ Ps. 128:3; ² Ex. 4:23; ³ *Science and Health*, p. 63; ⁴ Gal. 1:15, 16.

NO WAY!

Tired of it all?
Wanting out?
But into what?
No place where God is not
all power.

No one redundant.
Nobody He can spare.
The same truths everywhere.
Rules constant.
Each has to be
himself.

No homogenizing process
to wipe out the unique
identity of man.

Useless to contemplate
getting out of reach.
Who *can*?

PEARL STRACHAN HURD

Laurie Remembers

Eleanor Young Clapp



Laurie's home had a long field in back, and at the end of it was a little forest of pine trees. After school Laurie and Roy and her other friends liked to play there. They could crawl in under the branches on the soft pine needles. Sometimes each one would choose a tree and make a house, pushing the pine needles aside to form walls and sprinkling some of the pine needles on top of a low branch to form the roof.

The friends would visit each other playing "neighborhood." Sometimes they just built one large house and played "family" or "school." Roy's mother always rang a bell at the end of the afternoon, and that was the signal for him to come home and get ready for supper. All the others left then, too. But Laurie was allowed to stay out a little longer because her family ate supper later.

Laurie loved her friends, but she also loved this time all by herself. She would sit all cozy in her little house and pull some of the pine needles over her legs like a blanket. Then she would watch the sun setting through the trees and see the clouds turn pink and gold. Soft breezes would make a "hush" sound as they moved through the branches and sometimes made pine needles drop quietly around her.

Laurie never tried to tell anybody about these quiet times. She knew that the happy feeling was God with her. She didn't have to say anything out loud, because she knew that she could talk with God in her thought. She used to ask Him questions like "Why am I here?" and "What do You want me to do when I grow up?" She had a trusting feeling that she would be shown what to do later but that now she must be obedient and loving.

When Laurie went in for supper, she felt very happy inside—a quiet kind of happiness—very close to God.

Later during the year, as she began to go to the Christian Science Sunday School, Laurie learned that God is with everybody all the time. To feel God's presence and be guided by Him, we have to stop and listen and answer. She learned that many of the great people in

the Bible—Christ Jesus, his disciples, the prophets, and Moses—spent time alone with God.

Moses was always listening to God, praying to know how to help his people. When he was on the mountain, alone with God, God gave him the Ten Commandments. One of the commandments, the fourth one, says, “Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.”¹ The “sabbath” means the seventh day of the week or the day of resting from work. For many of us, the sabbath means Sunday. In this commandment Moses is showing us the importance of taking time to listen to God. That’s why we have churches and Sunday Schools, so we can all gather together and listen to God. This helps everyone be stronger and brings healing to our neighborhoods and to the world.

Mary Baker Eddy tells us that when she was eight years old, she sometimes heard God calling her. She often prayed to understand Him more clearly. When she was older, she discovered Christian Science and wrote the Christian Science textbook, *Science and Health*. The very first chapter of this book is called “Prayer” and she tells us there how to be alone with God. Praying times are happy times, because they show us how to be better. Mrs. Eddy says, “What we most need is the prayer of fervent desire for growth in grace, expressed in patience, meekness, love, and good deeds.”²

Whenever we desire to grow in grace, we are listening to God. And though Sunday is a very special day, every day is God’s day when we pray.

¹ Ex. 20:8; ² *Science and Health*, p. 4.



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The Great Departure Point

The main thing deciding our destination in life is our own spiritual stance, not our cultural background, training courses, or the country we live in.

And our spiritual position—where we place ourselves on the scale of being—is determined as much by where we depart from as by where we head for. "Let us rid ourselves of the belief that man is separated from God, and obey only the divine Principle, Life and Love," Mary Baker Eddy writes in *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*. "Here is the great point of departure for all true spiritual growth."¹ An inadequate or false departure point (the underlying group of assumptions from which we reason and live) is a main element in an unsatisfying life course.

Nothing is more restrictive and sterile than believing we exist apart from God. No matter how common this assumption, we can challenge it, and we should. Not doing so, we continue dreaming the dream Adam dreamed and eating of the tree of contradictory material knowledge—the knowledge of both good and evil. We dream of detachment and separation from God and carry the weights and burdens so often part and parcel of that dream. "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return,"² the Bible records the Lord God as saying to Adam.

A most vital spiritual fact is that Principle and Life not only offer the *best* starting point but that Life and Love, expressed in the perfect universe and man, make up the *only* true departure

point there is—that is, God and God's idea are the sum total of all being. We can drop the belief that we're away from God by learning to conform our thought to this reality. This is the essence of authentic education.

Magazines sometimes advertise courses that promise to introduce us to new skills, to improve our strength and talents and appearance. Some people no doubt find value and interest in the best of these. But Christian Science offers a course in the basics of real being, the value of which is demonstrable in healing in the broadest sense—in healing the limiting misconceptions of being, which appear in the form of illness, unhappiness, lack. Alongside the spiritually scientific way, approaches to life based merely on matter are more than trivial or inconsequential. They are of no help at all in moving from the temporal to the eternal, the worldly to the heavenly.

The Science of Life deals with the essential elements of all being. It teaches us how to reason rightly and practically, basing our thought on the omnipotence and goodness of God and the unity of God and His idea, man. "Reasoning from cause to effect in the Science of Mind, we begin with Mind, which must be understood through the idea which expresses it and cannot be learned from its opposite, matter," Mrs. Eddy states. "Thus we arrive at Truth, or intelligence, which evolves its own unerring idea and never can be coordinate with human illusions."³

Life, in Science, is not mortal but spiritual. It is not something that physical beings possess for a few decades and then lose. Life is God, and endless life for man and the universe is Life's outcome, as Christ Jesus' resurrection and ascension show. Divine Life is the only Life we can live or have, since it is omnipresent and has no opposite. Life is Spirit and can never be in matter.

Christian Science insists that these spiritual facts are inescapable and irrefutable. Its invitation to us is to adopt them both as immortal truths and as ground rules for present human living. With common sense and understanding Mrs. Eddy delineates our position: "The understanding and recognition of Spirit must finally come, and we may as well improve our time in solving the mysteries of being through an apprehension of divine Principle."⁴

Suppose we're unemployed and badly need work. What can Christian Science do about it? By telling us what really is, what

is really taking place, it gives us the reliable point of departure from which to seek a job. It shows us what employment and activity are—man's full-time, eternal involvement in being divine Life's expression. Let's establish this at the very base of our thought and rid ourselves of the belief that man is a purposeless mortal living precariously. Then we will find ourselves constructively employed and well rewarded; or we may perceive an opportunity to improve our education, or recognize and overcome weaknesses that have made us less than ideal employees, or identify an opportunity to start our own business. We will have whatever we need in our individual experience to confirm to us God's allness and care.

Man's inseparability from God, man's natural, unending conformity to God's law as His idea—our confident acknowledgment of these truths is the great departure point.

Shouldn't we be leaving now?

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¹ *Science and Health*, p. 91; ² Gen. 3:19; ³ *Science and Health*, pp. 467-468;
⁴ *ibid.*, p. 90.

Good Is Undivided

“This *or* that” is a favorite form for the scenarios of human existence. You have the money, they tell us, for this *or* for that. The time, the talent, the staff and materials, the mental and physical energy. You can be a person of faith *or* of intellect. Of morality *or* of freedom. Of gentleness *or* strength.

If the choice offered is between a good and a bad, we need to make the right distinction and choose the good. More often the offer of alternatives is only a front for getting us to believe that good is divided and we can have only a limited amount—this *or* that.

But we don't have to be deceived by this. Spiritual good, the good that comes from God, is indivisible and limitless. An understanding of this can ensure all the good needed to fulfill all proper human aspirations at the proper season. It also brings this good in a manner that will foster continuing spiritual growth at the same

time. Whether for individuals or for society, prosperous living need not be materialistic; nor need spiritual living be sparse. We do not have to make such choices.

Christ Jesus fed five thousand men in a desert but didn't leave the women and children hungry. The record specifically mentions they were fed, too. In Jesus' parable of the prodigal son the prodigal's first mistake was to ask for his *portion* of goods. The father correctly told his other son that all he had was his. All good was always available to the father and to both his sons. Asked to oversee the division of an inheritance, Jesus replied, "Man, who made me . . . a divider over you?"¹

The Christ never divides good. And the message of Christian Science is never one of division. Mrs. Eddy writes, "Whatever diverges from the one divine Mind, or God,—or divides Mind into minds, Spirit into spirits, Soul into souls, and Being into beings,—is a misstatement of the unerring divine Principle of Science, which interrupts the meaning of the omnipotence, omniscience, and omnipresence of Spirit, and is of human instead of divine origin."² Similarly, whatever would divide good into goods, some available to us, some not, is of human origin, to be firmly rejected.

What must we do to claim our inheritance of undivided good? When the rich young man asked Jesus what he must *do* to inherit eternal life, Jesus reminded him of what he *knew* (see Mark 10:17–22). If we wish to *do* something to claim undivided good, it is well for us first to remember what we *know* of this good, the spiritual truths of God and man taught by the Christ Science. These include the facts that man is God's wholly spiritual idea, complete, perfect, and eternal, and that whatever the physical senses tell us to the contrary is a misrepresentation. In the light of spiritual fact we can refuse to let these senses interfere with our expressing and enjoying all good without alternatives.

Matter and matter-based reasoning are what would impose their "this *or* that" on us. Matter-based reasoning starts from the evidence of the physical senses and their instrumental extensions. Its basic approach is by quantity. It divides into limited units; and by these it measures, weighs, times, counts. It works with tables of measurement, statistical hypotheses, probabilities, numerical predictions. This approach is useful in its own fields. But if its

successes persuade us to try applying this quantitative approach to everything in life, they lead us astray.

Spirit includes quantity as well as quality; but the one quantity known to Spirit and to man's spiritual senses is allness. As Mrs. Eddy writes, "Allness is the measure of the infinite, and nothing less can express God."³ This allness of Spirit is our true measure, and we need to make it the basis of all our reasoning and actions.

The perception of limitless good, undivided and indivisible, can bless every area of daily life. Our offices and homes. Our churches and communities. Our own character and health. In all these it can help us act wisely and economically, not foolishly and wastefully. But at the same time it shows us this essential fact: recognizing Spirit's measure of allness, we need not feel confined by matter's "this or that," by the belief in a limited supply of good to be divided up and doled out between our various activities. The fresh business program, for instance, or the new baby in our home, each can be acknowledged as bringing all it needs with it. And this is what we will then find happening.

Every useful human idea, every constructive human activity coming to us by divine guidance and inspiration, can be expected to express the quality of undivided good. It will not impoverish us or be dependent on what we already have; it can unfold all it needs from within itself. Why? Because inspired by God, good, it will express the nature of God, good—all good, complete, undivided, neither fragmentary nor fragmented. We can be sure that any idea or activity inspired by God, good, will not be found deficient in any needful good of any kind.

A stanza from the *Christian Science Hymnal* reads:

All that being e'er shall know,
On, still on, through farthest years,
All eternity can show,
Bright before Thee now appears.⁴

A spiritual understanding that allness alone can measure the infinite, can measure good, silences the "this or that" of material sense and reveals to us instead the present possibility of all good.

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¹ Luke 12:14; ² *Retrospection and Introspection*, p. 56; ³ *Science and Health*, p. 336; ⁴ *Hymnal*, No. 186.

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Testimonies of Christian Science Healing

From the time I was ten years old, God has been my only physician and Christian Science my only medicine. In the past thirty-seven years I have experienced many healings as a result of claiming my divine rights as a child of God.

At one time I suffered from a back ailment and was unable to move without being carried. I felt that I was trapped inside my body and literally chained to a bed. Mary Baker Eddy makes clear what had formed this chain when she writes in *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures* (p. 227), "The illusion of material sense, not divine law, has bound you, entangled your free limbs, crippled your capacities, enfeebled your body, and defaced the tablet of your being."

As I struggled to free myself from a physical condition, I became more depressed. The harder I fought to rule sickness and pain out of my body, the more restricted I became. I turned my thought more humbly to God and stopped thinking of my material body or mortal selfhood and let the truth of my spiritual relationship to God unfold in my thought. This brought into view my perfect spiritual individuality as the object of God's love. I began to realize how much God loved me and was then able to resist the temptation to feel sorry for myself. I started expressing more Godlike qualities.

Mrs. Eddy tells us in *Miscellaneous Writings* (p. 268), "God's preparations for the sick are potions of His own qualities." These potions, including love and joy, persistently applied with gratitude, spiritualized my thought, and I became convinced that as a child

The statements made in these testimonies with regard to healings have been carefully verified. The original testimonies and their respective verifications are on file for reference with The Christian Science Publishing Society.—THE EDITORS.

of God, Spirit, my real identity was spiritual, completely free from the restrictive sense of living in a material body. As my thought became more spiritual, I accepted my freedom as a child of God, and with that heartfelt acceptance I was free—completely healed.

At another time I was healed of a heart condition that occurred at a time when I felt burdened by business problems. As a result of this healing I was freed from a long-standing false sense of responsibility to my business and for the support of my family.

One day while at work I lost consciousness and later awakened in a nearby hospital. I was told I had suffered a heart attack. I refused any medical help and said I would rely on God for healing. In the meantime my wife had called a Christian Science practitioner, who came to see me. I did not know him before this time. He was very calm and I was frightened. The love he showed me destroyed my fear, and I felt an unspeakable peace.

I will always remember the first words he said to me: "You know this is not some terrible thing happening to you. It is an opportunity to gain a great victory." He then told me that God is my Life and He loved me and wanted only good for me. He also told me to be confident that God would provide whatever I needed to gain freedom from this lie of illness.

As the fear left my thought and the pain seemed to drain from my body, I said my first words to him. I said that I had a desire to take class instruction in Christian Science.

In the next few weeks my thought was changed from the belief that a material heart was the arbiter of life and sustained existence to the understanding that I was sustained by the great heart of divine Love, God, and that "in him we live, and move, and have our being" (Acts 17:28). This realization delivered me from the heart trouble, and I never again experienced a diseased heart condition. I was permanently healed.

I am deeply grateful to God for this healing and for the effective work of the practitioner. I am also happy to say that I have had class instruction. My heart is overflowing with gratitude to God for His wonderful revelation to Mrs. Eddy, and I thank God that Christian Science is my way of life.

KENNETH WEINHOLD
St. Francis, Wisconsin

In 1966 I was healed in Christian Science of a growth that developed on my neck. When the trouble first appeared, I tried to cover it with scarves. This went on for a year, and then the condition became such that it was necessary to have it regularly dressed by a Christian Science nurse.

During this trying period I prayed for a greater understanding of God. I was motivated by a deep desire to serve the Cause of Christian Science. Knowing that all disease is mental, even though it may appear in physical form, I endeavored to uncover and rid myself of false thinking. I needed to overcome a deep sense of hatred and resentment. I had to learn to love more universally. The physical condition caused me no pain, but the fear it occasioned was great. To be free of the fear, I often had to hurry to telephone a Christian Science practitioner and ask her to pray for me. Each day the request was made for treatment for one day with expectation of healing. A quotation from the Bible that I found of great help was (Isa. 41:10), "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God."

At one point I felt extremely ill, and with the illness came paralysis of one hand and arm. During this time I found comfort in this passage from *Science and Health* by Mrs. Eddy (p. 225): "The powers of this world will fight, and will command their sentinels not to let truth pass the guard until it subscribes to their systems; but Science, heeding not the pointed bayonet, marches on. There is always some tumult, but there is a rallying to truth's standard." Within a day or two, with the practitioner treating me, the feeling of illness was overcome, except for the inability to use hand and arm. Within two weeks the paralysis was healed, and the hand and arm were restored to normal use.

Shortly the physical appearance became very threatening. It was then I realized that I would have to conquer this erroneous belief if I were to survive. It was the turning point. I declared with great firmness, speaking to the error, "Even if you cover my whole body, you can't touch *me*." I saw my identity was wholly spiritual, and this disease was no part of true being. By the following day the condition had greatly improved, and in a few more days my neck had also healed up.

My gratitude for this physical healing is boundless, and I am

especially grateful for the lessons I learned and the increased spiritual understanding that accompanied it. The removal of hatred brought joy, as I learned to love those I had formerly bitterly resented. I am deeply grateful to God for His ever-present love, for Christ Jesus, the Way-shower, and for Mrs. Eddy, who discovered this healing truth of Christian Science.

(Mrs.) IRENE A. LENTULU
Santa Monica, California



I am very thankful to Christian Science for a healing I have had. I was out playing at school, having a good time, when some of the boys got too rough. One of them accidentally knocked me very hard against the monkey bars, which is a play structure we have. The school nurse put a sling on my arm and said it was out of joint and had been sprained.

When my mom had driven me home, we called a Christian Science practitioner. Mom and I thought about what Mrs. Eddy says in *Science and Health* (p. 475): "Man is idea, the image, of Love." I knew an image of Love cannot be hurt.

In two days I was completely healed. I could use my arm again in every way. I am glad to be a Christian Scientist.

PATTY MULFORD
Eugene, Oregon

I wish to verify the testimony of our daughter regarding the healing of her arm. The school nurse called me to come and get her at school. At home we discussed the truth that God's child is never out of His care and that His child is not made of matter to be hurt. Patty calmed down immediately and was much more comfortable. A practitioner prayed for her, but the arm remained unusable through the next day. Since it was her writing arm and she could do no schoolwork, I kept her home in a quiet atmosphere to study and pray.

We worked specifically with Mrs. Eddy's answer to the question "What is man?" in *Science and Health*. It begins (p. 475): "Man is not matter; he is not made up of brain, blood, bones,

and other material elements. The Scriptures inform us that man is made in the image and likeness of God." Further on the same page we read: "Man is spiritual and perfect; and because he is spiritual and perfect, he must be so understood in Christian Science. Man is idea, the image, of Love; he is not physique."

We also prayed to be free of any resentment toward the boys who had been rough, because, as we learn in Christian Science, Love governs all in harmony.

Early the following morning our daughter ran into our bedroom, swinging her arm and shouting, "It works! It works!" The sling had fallen off in the night, and she was completely free from any impairment or pain. She was able to go to school and participate in an active field trip scheduled for that day. We are very grateful for this definite proof that Christian Science, rightly applied, heals.

(Mrs.) DOROTHY MULFORD



[Original in German]

Through my wife, about twenty-six years ago I became acquainted with Christian Science, discovered and founded by Mrs. Eddy.

One of my first healings in this religion was that of a kidney stone. Supported by the prayerful metaphysical work of a Christian Science practitioner, I got rid of this painful condition after about a week. The stone did not dissolve but was eliminated. I learned very quickly that it is unnecessary to outline how a problem is to be solved. The solution unfolds when we put our complete trust in God.

I say with gratitude that the truths of Science I have been able to grasp enable me to help others occasionally with a problem. In so doing, I always realize, besides many other truths, that God, Spirit, cannot be overcome with this or that sickness or create an unpleasant condition or situation. Therefore man, His child, a spiritual idea, can never be touched by inharmony. As God's image man must continually express the perfection of God, his Father. Friends have been encouraged and helped by my conviction that the real man is perfect. This fills me with joy.

I am very grateful, not only for many healings of a physical nature and for the sufficient income I and my family have enjoyed, but above all for my increased spiritual understanding.

JOACHIM BRÜSS

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“To those leaning on the sustaining infinite, to-day is big with blessings” (*Science and Health* by Mrs. Eddy, p. vii). When I ponder these words, I am filled with a great sense of joy and humility, for indeed my life has been filled with the abundance of God’s love and protection.

Several years ago, while employed at a juvenile reformatory, an incident occurred in which I was most sincerely grateful for “the sustaining infinite.” A girl who had been returned after escaping from the reformatory was placed in a room that contained only a cot and a washbasin with a mirror over it. A rather alarming situation developed, and I was called to help. When I arrived there were several staff workers nervously standing in front of the door. The girl, locked inside, said she was going to kill herself, using broken glass. There was much confusion and fear among those present. It was obvious that entry had to be made.

As a regular pupil in the Christian Science Sunday School I had been taught to listen for God’s direction. I remember praying that His will be done and that I be led to do the right thing at the right time. I asked the staff workers to leave, and told the girl that I was coming in to help her. She replied that she would kill me if I entered. I again told her that I was coming in and that I had great trust in her, that I knew she wanted only to do the right thing.

Mrs. Eddy’s statement (*Science and Health*, p. 473) “God is everywhere, and nothing apart from Him is present or has power” came to mind, and as this thought flooded my consciousness I was calm and felt God’s law of harmony in control of the situation. Then I heard quiet sobbing. I unlocked the door and entered. She was sitting on the cot holding a jagged piece of the mirror. As I sat down beside her, she looked up and tearfully exclaimed

no one had ever before thought enough of her to give her that kind of trust. She said that something made her want to return that trust. I noticed that there were several lacerations on her hand. These were found to be not serious and healed quickly. More importantly, there was a noticeable change in her attitude concerning herself and her incarceration. The hostility had ceased and relations between her and the staff greatly improved.

It is so very inspiring to know that when we truly listen to God, His wisdom always directs us into complete harmony. For these proofs of God's constant care no words can adequately express my gratitude. The joy we know when we claim His allness is expressed so beautifully in a hymn from the *Christian Science Hymnal* (No. 139):

I walk with Love along the way,
And O, it is a holy day;
No more I suffer cruel fear,
I feel God's presence with me here;
The joy that none can take away
Is mine; I walk with Love today.

(Mrs.) BABETTE JACKSON DONALDSON
Mesa, Arizona



Christian Science has been practiced in my family for six generations. I would like to tell of several demonstrations of the power of Truth which have been interesting to me.

One morning I wakened with the symptoms of a severe cold. Before arising I thought surely I could not go to work that day. However, just as I arose, the thought came to me so clearly, "Man is spiritual," that no symptoms of the cold remained. It was a startling change, and a wonderful proof of God's presence.

On another occasion, when I clearly saw that nothing can be lost in God's kingdom, that an idea cannot be lost in the omnipresent Mind, this reasoning enabled me to recover a lost article. I felt directed to look in a certain place to find a small diamond that had come out of my ring during a day when I had been active at the office—working with files, typing, and so forth.

Consistently denying reality to an unnatural growth that appeared on my eyelid brought healing. At first I had neglected to work in Christian Science about it, and after it had grown noticeably, I thought I'd probably have to take a lot of time to do the work. Then the thought came to me that nothing inharmonious has any reality, even for a moment. I decided that even though I was busy with my daily employment and my family, I should start right then—every time I was conscious of the disfigurement—to deny that it could be any part of man in God's likeness. For several days I continued with this practice. Every time I looked into the mirror I declared that my true selfhood was the reflection of God, in which there could be nothing other than perfect being. Within a few days the growth had disappeared.

Although the healing benefits of Christian Science are wonderful, I feel that the preventative aspects have been of greater significance to me. So often I find myself denying the power of any suggestion of evil—ill health, dishonesty, unpleasantness of any kind—because I know that God is omnipotent and omnipresent and that man by nature reflects God's attributes. I know that constant watchfulness prevents the development of error in thought, thereby preventing its development in experience.

The Bible, and *Science and Health* by Mrs. Eddy, have shown us a beautiful way of life, and I am especially grateful for these two books. I am also grateful for class instruction in Christian Science, and for the opportunities I have had to serve in branch Churches of Christ, Scientist, and a Christian Science Society at different times.

(Mrs.) HELEN W. THOMAS
Albuquerque, New Mexico



For over forty years I have been a student of Christian Science and have had many healings. One which occurred in our home many years ago brought Christian Science to my attention. My sister had a severe cough, and medical means could not give her any relief. A dear friend of the family, a Christian Science practitioner, offered to help her through prayer. In a few weeks the

cough left, and she was entirely free. We did not know how this came about, but Christian Science and the healing were dear to our hearts. Some years later, because of my sister's employment, a chest X ray was required. The X ray showed two healed spots, one on each lung. The healing has been permanent.

I longed to know more of God and this divine Science. The answer came. I was seeking employment and began to visit a Christian Science Reading Room, studying *Science and Health* by Mrs. Eddy. Also, I began to attend church services on Sunday and Wednesday evening testimony meetings. Mrs. Eddy tells us (*ibid.*, p. 199), "The devotion of thought to an honest achievement makes the achievement possible." Through my prayers and reaching out, in a most unexpected way a position was offered that permitted me to use a subject I had taught in the vocational schools. I then joined The Mother Church and a local branch church.

Recently, what seemed to be a frightening experience occurred. My jaw became locked and for several days remained so. My thought had to be spiritually refreshed, and fear had to be allayed. Although I could only sip or eat small bits of food, I realized all God's ideas are controlled and governed by Him. I had treatment from an experienced practitioner, and the condition was healed.

I have been healed of shingles by knowing that, as Mrs. Eddy says in *Science and Health* (p. 454), "Right motives give pinions to thought, and strength and freedom to speech and action." Further on the same page Mrs. Eddy says, "Wait patiently for divine Love to move upon the waters of mortal mind, and form the perfect concept. Patience must 'have her perfect work.' "

Also I was protected from injury in a severe fall. I arose, brushed my clothes, and walked away with no discomfort, knowing the Christ is here, everywhere.

I have served as librarian, Sunday School teacher, and member of the executive board of a branch church. For membership in The Mother Church and a branch Church of Christ, Scientist, for participation in numerous church activities, and for many more healings, I want to say again, "Thank you, Father."

(Mrs.) BERTHA JOSEPH BOUTON
Clearwater, Florida

Words of Current Interest

Related to the Lesson-Sermon
for March 28, 1976, in the
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE QUARTERLY
Subject: Reality

**God saw every thing that he had
made, and, behold, it was very
good (Gen. 1:31)**

The word translated "behold" is a word "that . . . emphasizes the immediacy, the here-and-now-ness, of the situation" (T. Lambdin).

**Have ye not known . . . have ye
not understood (Isa. 40:21)**

Claus Westermann writes that "the four questions in v. 21 exemplify a leading characteristic of Deutero-Isaiah's style, intensification by means of putting sentences with the same meaning one after the other."

**Who hath created these things,
that bringeth out their host by
number (Isa. 40:26)**

The words "these things" and "their host," according to Westermann, "refer to the astral bodies

which were the chief gods in Babylon." Considering that the prophet spoke "in a region where the Babylonian astral cult held sovereign sway, the boldness of the oracle [this affirmation of the one God's supremacy] is quite amazing."

**The word of the Lord is right; and
all his works are done in truth
(Ps. 33:4)**

In Hebrew thought "the word of the Lord" was not merely the message of God to His people; it was also the causative force that fulfilled the message itself.

**Look from the place where thou
art (Gen. 13:14)**

Abram had pitched his tent in the hill country near Bethel (see vv. 3, 4 and 12:8).

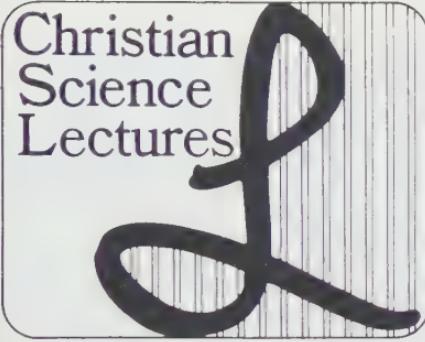
**Lebanon shall be turned into a
fruitful field (Isa. 29:17)**

This amazing event is put in parallel with the expected change to be brought about in the people. Lebanon (meaning "white")—a mountain range, snow-covered in winter, famous in Bible times for its cedar woods—will be turned into "a fruitful land," an extremely fertile piece of farmland.

**The natural man receiveth not the
things of the Spirit of God
(I Cor. 2:14)**

The word "natural" in the original Greek has the meaning "unspiritual, physical."

The Lesson-Sermons contain Bible references (King James Version) and correlative passages from "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy.



Everyone is cordially invited to these free lectures.

‡ Indicates Children's Room available during lectures. Details should be obtained locally.

ENGLAND

BERKSHIRE—Maidenhead: Church, Marlow Rd., 3 p.m., Sun., Apr. 11.‡ "Use Your Spiritual Power" (Henderson)

GLoucestershire—Cheltenham: The Playhouse, Bath Rd., 8 p.m., Fri., Apr. 16. "Use Your Spiritual Power" (Henderson)

Gloucester: Oxtalls School, Estcourt Close, Estcourt Rd., 7.30 p.m., Tues., Apr. 13. "Justice Under God's Care" (Henderson)

Greater London—Croydon: Arnhem Gallery, Fairfield Halls, Park Ln., 8 p.m., Mon., Apr. 12. "Use Your Spiritual Power" (Henderson)

London (First, Hendon): Ionic Cinema, 612 Finchley Rd., Golders Green, 11 a.m., Fri., Apr. 16. "The Power of God" (Rivas)

Wimbledon: Marlborough Hall, Compton Rd., 8 p.m., Thurs., Apr. 15. "What's Your Greatest Need?" (Alton)

Hertfordshire—Welwyn Garden City: Church, 6 S. Parkway, 8 p.m., Tues., Apr. 13. "God's Power at Hand" (Alton)

Oxfordshire—Oxford: Church, 36 St. Giles, 3 p.m., Fri., Apr. 16. "What's Your Greatest Need?" (Alton)

West Sussex—Bognor Regis: Esplanade Theatre, Esplanade, 7.30 p.m., Mon., Apr. 12. "What's Your Greatest Need?" (Alton)

Rustington: Littlehampton School, Hill Rd., 3 p.m., Sat., Apr. 17.‡ "The Power of God" (Rivas)

AUSTRIA

Vienna: Haus der Begegnung Mariahilf, 10 Königsegg, 7.30 p.m., Tues., Apr. 13. In German. "Ever Protected" (Schindler)

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, INCLUDING WEST BERLIN

Berlin (Eleventh): Staatliche Hochschule für Musik, Konzertsaal, 1-12 Bundesallee, 5 p.m., Sat., Apr. 17. In German. "Ever Protected" (Schindler)

Coburg: Kongresshaus, 1 Berliner Platz, 4 p.m., Sun., Apr. 11. In German. "Ever Protected" (Schindler)

SWITZERLAND

Winterthur: Stadthaussaal, Lindstr., 3 p.m., Sun., Apr. 4. In German. "Ever Protected" (Schindler)

MALAWI

Blantyre: Mount Soche Hotel, Glynn Jones Rd. See local notice for hour. Fri., May 14. "Is Anybody at Home?" (Houston)

REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

Natal—Colenso: Town Hall, St. George's St., 8 p.m., Mon., May 3. "Is Anybody at Home?" (Houston)

Kloof: High School, 34 Emolweni Rd., 8 p.m., Tues., May 11.‡ "Dare to Care" (Houston)

AUSTRALIA

Tasmania—Hobart: Town Hall, Macquarie St., 8 p.m., Tues., Apr. 20. "Become What You Are!" (Rogers)

NEW ZEALAND

Napier: Nelson Park School, Jubilee Hall, Kennedy and Jull Rds., 3 p.m., Sun., May 9. "The Family of Man" (Rogers)

NEW ZEALAND (continued)

Wanganui: Concert Chamber, Memorial Hall, Maria Pl., 8 p.m., Thurs., May 6.‡ "Become What You Are!" (Rogers)

CHILE

Santiago (First): Hotel Carrera Sheraton, 180 Teatinos, 7 p.m., Fri., May 14. In Spanish. "The Healing Method of Christian Science" (Spencer)

UNITED STATES

(Week of March 28 to April 3,
and some earlier dates)

ALABAMA—Fairhope: Church, Fels Ave. and Church St., 8 p.m., Tues., Mar. 23.

"You're a Freeman!" (Linnig)

CALIFORNIA—Atascadero: Church, 7660 El Camino Real, 3 p.m., Sun., Mar. 28. "The Spiritual Viewpoint" (Correll)

Beverly Hills: Church, 142 S. Rexford Dr., 11 a.m., Sat., Apr. 3.‡ "The Liberating Protests of Truth" (Kenyon)

Costa Mesa: Harbor Twin Cinema Theater, Harbor and Wilson, 12 m., Fri., Apr. 2.‡ "Christian Science: Its Healing Practice" (Kenyon)

Dana Point: Dana Hills High School, 33333 Street of the Golden Lantern, 3 p.m., Sun., Mar. 28. "The Human and the Divine Economy" (White)

El Monte: Church, 4035 N. Tyler Ave., 3 p.m., Sun., Mar. 28.‡ "The Liberating Protests of Truth" (Kenyon)

Fresno (First): Church, 1615 N St., 8 p.m., Mon., Mar. 29.‡ "The Spiritual Viewpoint" (Correll)

Los Angeles (Tenth): Church, 1133 S. Bundy Dr., 8 p.m., Tues., Mar. 30.‡ "The Evidence: True or False?" (Tyc)

Los Angeles (Twenty-ninth): Church, 4831 S. Gramercy Pl., 3 p.m., Tues., Mar. 30.‡ "Liberation Through Christ" (Anwandter)

Malibu: Church, 28635 Pacific Coast Hwy., 3 p.m., Sat., Apr. 3.‡ "The Evidence: True or False?" (Tyc)

Modesto (Second): Church, 3224 McHenry Ave., 8 p.m., Tues., Mar. 30.‡ "Safe in God's Care" (Williams)

Northridge (Forty-first, Los Angeles): Church, 9710 White Oak Ave., 8 p.m., Fri., Apr. 2.‡ "The Evidence: True or False?" (Tyc)

Oakdale: Church, 255 N. Second Ave. and D St., 8 p.m., Thurs., Apr. 1. "The Spiritual Viewpoint" (Correll)

Ontario: Church, 1429 N. Euclid Ave., 8 p.m., Thurs., Apr. 1.‡ "Christian Science: Its Healing Practice" (Kenyon)

Palmdale: Maryott School, 38334 Tenth St., E., Maryott, 8 p.m., Mon., Mar. 29. "What Is Life?" (Heafer)

Palo Alto (Second): Church, 3045 Cowper St., 8 p.m., Tues., Mar. 30.‡ "The Spiritual Viewpoint" (Correll)

Piedmont: Church, 801 Magnolia Ave., 8 p.m., Fri., Apr. 2.‡ "The Spiritual Viewpoint" (Correll)

Placerville: Empire Theatre, 432 Main St., 11 a.m., Sat., Apr. 3. "Let My People Go" (White)

Salinas: Community Center, 940 N. Main St., 8 p.m., Fri., Apr. 2.‡ "Accept Only the True" (Heafer)

San Bernardino (First): Convention Center, 303 N. E St., 12 m., Mon., Mar. 29.‡ "Christian Science: Its Healing Practice" (Kenyon)

San Carlos: Church, 1566 Arroyo Ave., 11 a.m., Sat., Apr. 3.‡ "The Complete Man and Woman" (Heafer)

San Diego (First): Church, 2442 Second Ave., 11 a.m., Sat., Apr. 3.‡ "Liberation Through Christ" (Anwandter)

Santa Monica: Church, Fifth St. and Arizona Ave., 8 p.m., Tues., Mar. 30.‡ "Christian Science: Its Healing Practice" (Kenyon)

Sonora: Memorial Hall, 9 N. Washington St., 3 p.m., Sun., Mar. 28.‡ "Let There Be Light" (Williams)

South Gate: Church, 4804 Tweedy Blvd., 3 p.m., Sun., Mar. 28.‡ "What Is Life?" (Heafer)

Tulare: Church, 510 E. Kern Ave., 8 p.m., Mon., Mar. 29.‡ "Who Is Making Your Decisions?" (Williams)

Venice (Twentieth, Los Angeles): Church, Brooks Ave. and Main, 3 p.m., Sun., Mar. 28.‡ "Liberation Through Christ" (Anwandter)

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE LECTURES

CALIFORNIA (continued)

Visalia: Convention Center, Sequoia Rm., 303 E. Acequia, 8 p.m., Thurs., Apr. 1. "The Complete Man and Woman" (Heafer)

Wofford Heights: Veterans Hall, Lake Isabella, Lake Isabella Hwy., nr. Hwy. 155, 8 p.m., Tues., Mar. 30. "Accept Only the True" (Heafer)

Woodland Hills (Forty-third, Los Angeles): Parkman Junior High, 20800 Burbank, 8 p.m., Mon., Mar. 15. "Liberation Through Christ" (Anwandter)

Yucca Valley: Masonic Temple, 7050 Joshua Ln., 3 p.m., Sun., Mar. 28. "The Evidence: True or False?" (Tyc)

CONNECTICUT—Greenwich: Church, 11 Park Pl., 8.15 p.m., Fri., Apr. 2.‡ "Deathless Life" (Curtis)

Wilton: Church, 531 Danbury Rd., 11 a.m., Sat., Apr. 3.‡ "Let's Choose Heaven Here" (Curtis)

FLORIDA—Clearwater (Second): Mall Theatre, 4 Sunshine Mall, Missouri Ave., 11 a.m., Sat., Apr. 3. "What Are Our Values?" (Gladhorn)

Miami (Second): Church, 3840 Main Hwy., Coconut Grove, 8 p.m., Thurs., Apr. 1.‡ "What Are Our Values?" (Gladhorn)

Vero Beach: Community Center, 2266 N. 14th Ave., 3 p.m., Sun., Mar. 28.‡ "What Are Our Values?" (Gladhorn)

GEORGIA—Fayetteville: Church, Hwy. 314, 8 p.m., Mon., Mar. 29.‡ "How Secure Are You?" (Wavro)

Savannah: De Soto Hilton Hotel, Pulaski Rm., Liberty and Bull Sts., 3 p.m., Sun., Mar. 28.‡ "How Secure Are You?" (Wavro)

ILLINOIS—Belvidere: YMCA, 220 W. Locust St., 3 p.m., Sun., Mar. 28.‡ "Protection Where Lions Lurk" (Wood)

Chicago (Sixteenth): Church, 7201 N. Ashland Blvd., 8 p.m., Thurs., Apr. 1.‡ "Individualizing God's Power" (Pickett)

Chicago Heights: Church, Lincoln Hwy. and Edgewood Ave., 8 p.m., Thurs., Apr. 1.‡ "Ageless Youth" (Driver)

Deerfield: Church, 155 Deerfield Rd., 3 p.m., Sun., Mar. 28.‡ "You're a Freeman!" (Linnig)

De Kalb: Carrols Cinema Theater, 1201 W. Lincoln Hwy., 2 p.m., Sat., Apr. 3.‡ "Individualizing God's Power" (Pickett)

Joliet: Church, 611 Springfield Ave., 8 p.m., Tues., Mar. 30.‡ "You're a Freeman!" (Linnig)

Murphysboro: Church, 1819 Walnut St., 8 p.m., Thurs., Apr. 1.‡ "Protection Where Lions Lurk" (Wood)

Winnetka: Church, Ridge Ave. and Cherry St., 8 p.m., Mon., Mar. 29.‡ "Ageless Youth" (Driver)

INDIANA—LaPorte: Church, 1008 Michigan Ave., 8 p.m., Thurs., Apr. 1. "Are You Resourceful?" (Linnig)

KANSAS—Great Bend: Church, Lakin and Odell Sts., 8 p.m., Tues., Mar. 30. "Your Unlimited Opportunities" (McGrew)

Independence: See local notice for place. 2 p.m., Sat., Apr. 3. "Who Do You Think You Are?" (Livezey)

Salina: Church, Eighth and Mulberry Sts., 8 p.m., Mon., Mar. 29. "Your Unlimited Opportunities" (McGrew)

Wichita (Second): High School, 903 S. Edgemoor, 3 p.m., Sun., Mar. 28.‡ Interpretation for the deaf. "Your Unlimited Opportunities" (McGrew)

KENTUCKY—Lexington: Church, 606 E. Main St., 8 p.m., Fri., Apr. 2.‡ "How Secure Are You?" (Wavro)

MARYLAND—Chevy Chase: Church, 7901 Connecticut Ave., 8 p.m., Thurs., Mar. 18.‡ "Deathless Life" (Curtis)

MICHIGAN—Benton Harbor: Church, 177 Chippewa Rd., 8 p.m., Fri., Apr. 2.‡ "You're a Freeman!" (Linnig)

Detroit (Fourth): Church, 24400 W. Seven Mile Rd., 11 a.m., Sat., Apr. 3.‡ "Are You Resourceful?" (Linnig)

Jackson: Church, Wildwood and Michigan Aves., 8 p.m., Fri., Apr. 2.‡ "Ageless Youth" (Driver)

Rochester: Church, 1119 N. Main St., 1 p.m., Sat., Apr. 3.‡ "Ageless Youth" (Driver)

MISSOURI—Jefferson City: High School Little Theater, 609 Union St., 8 p.m., Fri., Apr. 2.‡ "Who Do You Think You Are?" (Livezey)

NEW JERSEY—Newark (joint lecture):

Robert Treat Hotel, 50 Park Pl., 12.15 p.m.,
Thurs., Apr. 1. "Deathless Life" (Curtis)

NEW MEXICO—Belen: Junior High

Cafetorium, Fourth and Bernard Sts.,
3 p.m., Sat., Apr. 3. "Your Unlimited
Opportunities" (McGrew)

Farmington: See local notice for place.

8 p.m., Thurs., Apr. 1.‡ "Your Unlimited
Opportunities" (McGrew)

Santa Fe: Sheraton Inn, 750 N. St. Francis
Dr., 7.30 p.m., Fri., Apr. 2.‡ "Your
Unlimited Opportunities" (McGrew)

NEW YORK—Bay Shore: Church, 8 Lawrence
Ln. and W. Main, 3.30 p.m., Sun., Mar. 28.
"Deathless Life" (Curtis)

Port Washington: Church, 2 Beacon
Hill Rd., 8.30 p.m., Tues., Mar. 30.‡
"Deathless Life" (Curtis)

NORTH CAROLINA—High Point: Astor Dowdy
Towers, 701 E. Green Dr., 8 p.m., Sat.,
Apr. 3.‡ "God Is Where You Are" (Girardin)

NORTH DAKOTA—Fargo: Church, First
Ave. and Ninth St., S., 8.15 p.m., Mon.,
Mar. 29.‡ "Life Without Doubt" (Pike)

OHIO—Cincinnati (First, Forestville):
Anderson High School, 7600 Forest Rd.,
3 p.m., Sun., Mar. 28.‡ "Individualizing
God's Power" (Pickett)

Cleveland (Third): Church, 3648 W. 25th
St., 8 p.m., Tues., Mar. 30.‡ "Individualizing
God's Power" (Pickett)

Upper Arlington: Municipal Bldg., 3600
Tremont Rd., 8 p.m., Mon., Mar. 29.
"Your Right to Be Right" (Pickett)

OREGON—Albany: Takena School, 1210 S.
Takena, 8 p.m., Thurs., Apr. 1.‡ "Why
Spiritual Healing?" (McClain)

Astoria: Church, 632 11th St., 8 p.m.,
Mon., Mar. 29.‡ "Where in the World Is
God?" (McClain)

Klamath Falls: Winema Hotel, 1111 Main
St., 8 p.m., Sat., Apr. 3.‡ "Where in the
World Is God?" (McClain)

Portland (Twelfth): Parkrose Heights Junior
High, 12456 N.E. Brazee St., 8 p.m.,
Tues., Mar. 30. "Why Spiritual Healing?"
(McClain)

PENNSYLVANIA—Philadelphia (Sixth):
Church, 4720 Leiper St., Frankford, 3 p.m.,
Sat., Mar. 20.‡ "Deathless Life" (Curtis)

TENNESSEE—Knoxville: Church, 3622
Kingston Pike, S.W., 3 p.m., Sat., Apr. 3.‡
"Protection Where Lions Lurk" (Wood)

VIRGINIA—Arlington (First): Church, 890
N. McKinley Rd., 8 p.m., Tues., Mar. 30.‡
"God Is Where You Are" (Girardin)

Newport News: Parkview Elementary School,
6100 Jefferson Ave., 8 p.m., Thurs.,
Apr. 1.‡ "God Is Where You Are"
(Girardin)

WASHINGTON—Port Angeles: Church, 120
W. Eighth St., 3 p.m., Sun., Mar. 28.‡
"Where in the World Is God?" (McClain)

Seattle (First): Church, 1519 E. Denny
Way, 3 p.m., Sun., Mar. 21.‡ "Life Without
Doubt" (Pike). Please note change of
date.

WISCONSIN—Janesville: See local notice
for place. 8 p.m., Fri., Apr. 2.‡
"Individualizing God's Power" (Pickett)

La Crosse: Ramada Inn, I-90 and Bainbridge
St., 8 p.m., Tues., Mar. 16.‡ "What Are
Our Values?" (Gladhorn)

Wauwatosa: Church, 7728 Milwaukee Ave.,
7 p.m., Sun., Mar. 28.‡ "Ageless Youth"
(Driver)

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Signs of the Times

Pastor G. Friedrich
in the *Pinneberger Tageblatt*
Pinneberg, Federal Republic
of Germany

Nobody can assert that our physicians, whether practical doctors or specialists, are out of work. Psychoanalysts, psychotherapists, and depth psychologists have a wide field for their work. . . . Today medicine knows about the connection between bodily suffering and psychological disturbances. The Bible has always known about it.

A helpless man was laid before Jesus' feet on a stretcher in a most unusual manner. His friends let him down on ropes through an opening in the flat roof. There was no other way to get close to the Master. And now, something incomprehensible happens. Jesus looks at the lame man and says,

"Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee." For many of those standing around him this is blasphemy, and they are outraged. The sick man enters no protest. Neither do those who brought him. Thus, if through Jesus' word the sick man becomes a healed man who walks away in good health, the healing came from within—a liberation from an inner resistance to God.

We are usually concerned with removing the symptoms of some illness, after which everything returns to the way it was, or we make only a very few changes in our customary life-style. The actual healing fails to come about, for it can only then begin when the slate is wiped clean and our resistance to God is broken. The central defection from God, man's attempt to be his own master apart from God, is what the Bible understands as "sin." Psychological disturbances and their consequences which give us so much trouble stem from unbridled self-assertiveness of the ego—insisting that it is a law unto itself—and from lack of obedience and devotion.

Martin Luther hits the nail on the head as to what healing can be in saying, "Where there is forgiveness of sin, there is also life and holiness!"

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CHURCH SERVICES AND READING ROOMS

A directory of all Churches of Christ, Scientist, and Christian Science Societies, including the hours of their services and information about their Reading Rooms, appears monthly in *The Christian Science Journal*.

The Mother Church

The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts, is located near the corner of Massachusetts and Huntington Avenues.

The Church edifice is open to visitors Mondays through Fridays from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays from 12 noon until 5 p.m.

SERVICES

Sunday morning at 10:45, Sunday evening at 7:30 (evening service omitted during July and August), and Wednesday evening testimony meeting at 7:30.

Sunday services in Spanish are held in the Original Edifice at 9:30 a.m., and a testimony meeting in Spanish the first Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m.

A supervised Children's Room is provided during all Sunday church services and the Wednesday evening testimony meetings.

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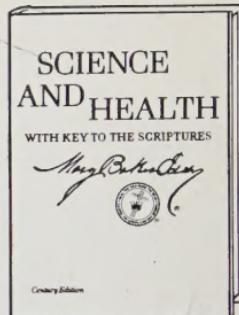
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